Direct Characterization of Planets from Space (and Ground)-based Observatories: *Interiors*

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The Realm of Exoplanet Characterization: 2010/2011



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For instance, Tidal and Thermal Evolution of hot Jupiters

Study one particular object in detail:

Interior Structure of GJ 1214b



 There is considerable diversity amongst the known transiting planets

Radii for planets of similar masses differ by a factor of two, which cannot happen for pure H/He objects





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Evolution of "51 Pegasus b-like" planets

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Explaining Large Radii

An area of active research!

THERMAL TIDES IN FLUID EXTRASOLAR PLANETS

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Is tidal heating sufficient to explain bloated exoplanets? Consistent calculations accounting for finite initial eccentricity

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Building a Model, II: Additional Interior Power



•Lower mass planets more easily influenced by a given magnitude of power source

•Power levels are generally small compared to Irradiation from the parent star ~10²⁹ erg/s

•Transit radius effect only important at low gravity

Miller, Fortney, & Jackson (2009)



Transits in multi-planets systems: A path towards direct interior constraints: k_{2b}

calculation of k_{2b} is straightforward (Sterne 1939),³

$$k_{2b} = \frac{3 - \eta_2(R_{\rm Pl})}{2 + \eta_2(R_{\rm Pl})},$$
(13)

where $\eta_2(R_{\text{Pl}})$ is obtained by integrating an ordinary differential equation for $\eta_2(r)$ radially outward from $\eta_2(0) = 0$,

$$r\frac{d\eta_2}{dr} + \eta_2^2 - \eta_2 - 6 + \frac{6\rho}{\rho_m}(\eta_2 + 1) = 0, \qquad (14)$$





Wu & Goldreich (2005) Batygin et al. (2009)

Miller, Fortney, and Jackson (2009): Tidal heating can probably inflate some planets, but it is not a cure-all

- 1. $Q_p = 10^5$ and $10^{6.5}$, $Q_s = 10^5$, with additional runs at $Q_s = 10^6$, 10^7
- 2. Measured *a*, *e*, age, with error bars
- 3. Large initial grid of *a* and *e* for each system
- Evolve forward in time to search for pathways that match the current *a*, *e*, age.
- 5. What is the radius for models that make that match?



Example XO-4b: Inflated, Current $e \approx 0$, but not well constrained



Jackson et al. (2009) *ApJ* "Observational Evidence for Tidal Disruption of Exoplanets"





Li, Miller, Lin, & Fortney (2010) *Nature* Ongoing loss of planet Wasp-12b

Fossati et al. (2010), ApJ: disk around Wasp-12

Is the ice in Neptuneclass planets solid?

No.

 All evidence for Uranus/Neptune indicates that their interiors are predominantly fluid

- A fluid "sea" of partially dissociated fluid H₂O, NH₃, and CH₄
- This is backed up by models of dynamo-generated magnetic field
- Experiments by Nellis et al. on water and "synthetic Uranus" mixtures



Uncertainties in Understanding the Interiors of Uranus and Neptune



Uranus and Neptune DO NOT have 3 well-defined layers!

Degeneracy: Many compositions yield the same mass/radius





"Exo-Neptunes" Make it Even Worse



But as we know from Uranus and Neptune, it is actually worse than this





What is the Nature of the Planet's Atmosphere and Interior?

•Mass-Radius leads to degenerate solutions:

- Mostly water with a small rocky core
 - •A "failed" giant planet core?
- •Lower ice/rock ratio, with a H/He envelope
 - •A mini Neptune?

What is the cooling history and interior state of these two kinds of models?



Relation of Atmosphere and Interior



A cooling calculation can show how warm the deep interior is, which helps constrain gas/ice/rock ratios





Water World Model

Mini Rocky Neptune Model





Conclusions

- A measurement of mass-radius yields important information about the structure of a gas giants
- Mass-radius tells us little about about the structure of Neptune-class planets, broadly defined
- Tidal heating may be important for a minority of systems
- The hottest planets have the largest radii
- •GJ1214b probably does not have a solar system analog
 - (How common are water-rich super Earths?)
 - Very large ice/rock ratio, or
 - Skin of H/He a top rock/ice core
 - Atmosphere will tell us about bulk composition